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U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

**May 21, 2020**

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

ROBERT JAMES MCDONALD,  
  
Petitioner,

v.

STATE OF WASHINGTON and  
COUNTY OF CHELAN,

Respondents.

NO: 2:20-CV-68-RMP

ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR  
RECONSIDERATION

BEFORE THE COURT is Petitioner Robert James McDonald's document titled, "Motion for Reconsideration Under a Writ of Coram Nobis and Vobis under Title 28 § 1651 and Rule Nisi of the All Writs Act." ECF No. 8. Mr. McDonald is proceeding *pro se* and has paid the \$5.00 filing fee. The Court has not directed that the petition be served on Respondents.

On February 26, 2020, the Court dismissed Mr. McDonald's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus by a state prisoner for several reasons, including: Petitioner was not "in custody" when he submitted his petition to the Court on February 19, 2020; it was implausible that Petitioner could have fully exhausted his state court

1 remedies regarding a sentence imposed on February 4, 2020; and abstention under  
2 *Younger v. Harris*, 401 U.S. 37 (1971), was appropriate. *See* ECF No. 6 at 2–3.  
3 Petitioner now asserts his entitlement to various writs. The Court finds no basis to  
4 issue any writ under 28 U.S.C. § 1651.

5 A motion for reconsideration may be reviewed under either Federal Rule of  
6 Civil Procedure 59(e) (motion to alter or amend a judgment) or Rule 60(b) (relief  
7 from judgment). *Sch. Dist. No. 1J v. ACandS, Inc.*, 5 F.3d 1255, 1262 (9th Cir.  
8 1993). “A district court may properly reconsider its decision if it ‘(1) is presented  
9 with newly discovered evidence, (2) committed clear error or the initial decision  
10 was manifestly unjust, or (3) if there is an intervening change in controlling law.’”  
11 *Smith v. Clark Cty. Sch. Dist.*, 727 F.3d 950, 955 (9th Cir. 2013) (quoting *School*  
12 *Dist. No. 1J*, 5 F.3d at 1263). “There may also be other, highly unusual,  
13 circumstances warranting reconsideration.” *School Dist. No. 1J*, 5 F.3d at 1263.  
14 These standards apply in habeas corpus proceedings under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 to the  
15 extent they are not inconsistent with applicable federal statutory provisions and  
16 rules. *See Gonzalez v. Crosby*, 545 U.S. 524, 530 (2005).

17 In this instance, Petitioner has not presented newly discovered evidence. *See*  
18 *School Dist. No. 1J*, 5 F.3d at 1263. He has not shown that the Court committed  
19 clear error or that the dismissal order was manifestly unjust. Furthermore, there  
20 has been no intervening change in controlling law and there are no other  
21 circumstances warranting reconsideration. *Id.*

1 Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

2 Petitioner's Motion for Reconsideration, **ECF No. 8**, is **DENIED**. The  
3 Clerk of Court is directed to enter this Order and provide a copy to Petitioner and  
4 to counsel for Respondent. **The file shall remain closed.** The Court certifies  
5 there is no basis upon which to issue a certificate of appealability. 28 U.S.C. §  
6 2253(c); Fed. R. App. P. 22(b). A certificate of appealability is therefore  
7 **DENIED.**

8 **DATED** May 21, 2020.

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10 *s/ Rosanna Malouf Peterson*  
11 ROSANNA MALOUF PETERSON  
12 United States District Judge  
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